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**Timely Tidbits ...****Rehearing Denied;  
City to File Appeal**

On January 25, the State of Michigan Court of Appeals denied a motion for rehearing that the City of Romulus filed last November in its ongoing litigation against Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS). The original lawsuit, initiated in 1993 in the Wayne County Circuit Court, resulted in an injunction against the operation of an EDS hazardous-waste injection well on Wahrman Road; however, the Court of Appeals overturned that injunction last October.

Although the City had not, as of February 9, filed a motion for appeal to the State Supreme Court, an appeal will be made, said Mayor William M. Oakley.

EDS has already asked the Supreme Court to hear an appeal of the company's \$100-million countersuit, which was dismissed by the Appeals Court in October.

**City Offers Discount  
Animal Vaccinations**

The City of Romulus Animal Shelter will host its annual Pet Inoculation Fair at the old DPW building (36451 Bibbins in downtown Romulus) on Saturday, February 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discount pet shots will be available to residents and nonresidents. Dog licenses may also be purchased.

**Dog Vaccinations:** one-year rabies - \$5; three-year rabies - \$10; five-in-one (DHLPP) - \$15; six-in-one (DHLPP w/coronna) - \$25; bordetella - \$10; lyme disease - \$15; microchip - \$25.

**Cat Vaccinations:** one-year rabies - \$5; distemper - \$15; FELV - \$15; FIP - \$18.

**Ferret Vaccinations:** one-year rabies - \$5; distemper - \$15.

**Dog-license Fee:** (license costs refer to pets that are spayed/neutered or intact, respectively; senior citizens receive substantial discounts): one year - \$3/\$7; two years - \$5/\$12; three years - \$8/\$15. □

## February 22 Election Features Republican Presidential Primary, Charter Proposals

Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate and Elections Clerk Rendell Wooden would like to remind voters that the election set for Tuesday, February 22, will feature five City Charter-revision proposals as well as the Republican Presidential Primary ballot. Among those City officials who support the Charter revisions is Mayor William M. Oakley.

"Proposals 1 through 4 will update our City Charter by adjusting spending limits to coincide with the inflation that has occurred in the last 30 years. Proposal 5 is important because it asks suppliers to guarantee performance instead of just the availability of a product," Oakley wrote in a letter that was paid for by the Oakley for Mayor Committee and distributed to the City's absentee voters. "As an original drafter of the City of Romulus Charter, I am asking your support in passage of these important proposals. I know each will serve to help us in delivering the most responsive and efficient service possible to our residents."

Voters who wish to cast their ballot for Bill Bradley or Al Gore should do so in the March 11 Democratic Caucus, according to Mark Brewer, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

"Because the Democratic Party will choose its presidential candidates based on the votes cast in the March 11 Democratic Caucus, Gore and Bradley will not appear on the February 22 primary ballot," said Brewer. "The only name on the Democratic portion of that ballot will be Lyndon LaRouche, who is not recognized as a Democrat by either the National or State Democratic Party."

The Michigan Democratic Party reminds all Democrats who plan to vote by mail to have their application at the Party's office by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 3. All ballots are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 10. A vote-by-mail application is available by stopping by or writing to the Party's office at 606 Townsend, Lansing, Michigan 48933; faxing the Party at 517-371-2056; e-mailing the Party at [midemparty@aol.com](mailto:midemparty@aol.com); or downloading an application at the Party's Web site: [www.mi-democrats.com](http://www.mi-democrats.com).

A list of the presidential candidates whose names appear on the February 22 ballot, as well as a verbatim copy of the various Charter proposals, immediately follows.

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PORTION**

*Note: There are three sections – Republican, Democratic, and Reform – on the presidential-primary portion of the ballot. You may vote in ONLY ONE party section.*

**Republican Party –  
President of the United States**

(vote for note more than one)

- Gary Bauer
- George W. Bush
- Steve Forbes
- Orrin Hatch
- Alan Keyes
- John McCain
- Uncommitted
- (Write-in Candidate)

**Democratic Party –****President of the United States**

(vote for note more than one)

- Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.
- Uncommitted
- (Write-in Candidate)

**Reform Party –****President of the United States**

(vote for note more than one)

- Donald J. Trump
- Uncommitted
- (Write-in Candidate)

**CHARTER REVISION PORTION****Proposal 1**

Shall Section 13.1 of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, entitled "Limitations," be amended to increase from \$5,000 to \$20,000, the amount of contracts for the performance of any public works which may be entered into by the City without first advertising for sealed bids, provided that after the year 2000, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor or a similar index.

Yes  No

**Proposal 2**

Shall Section 13.2 of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, entitled "Material Purchases," be amended to increase from \$750 to \$3,000, the amount of any contracts for the purchase of any material, tools, apparatus or any other things which may be entered into by the City without first advertising for sealed bids, provided that after the year 2000, City Council may establish by resolution

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## Romulus Schools Honor Employees for Service

**30 Years of Service**

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**25 Years of Service**

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**15 Years of Service**

Theresa Blizman, Barbara Fortune, Carol Harriff, Matt McGrane, June Nathaniel, Linda Poirier, Rosa Russenberger, Paula Smith, Gail Thompkins, Sylvia Thompson, and Lynn Webb.

**10 Years of Service**

Carol Casmer and Faith Sheptoski Forbush.

*For photos, see pages 4 and 5. □*

## Guest Commentary

### State Surplus: How Should We Spend It?

By Representative Mike Hanley, House Democratic Leader

Ever wonder what you would do if you had a whole lot of extra money in your bank account? That's the situation in which we in State government find ourselves.

After a recent review by fiscal analysts and State budget experts, it was announced that the State will have a budget surplus of about \$1.4 billion. As you might expect, the battle over how to spend this money is already in full swing, and I agree that there are plenty of opportunities and causes worthy of it. However, House Democrats strongly believe that there are two very significant issues which demand our attention: education and health care for Michigan's families. In the past, we have neglected our financial obligations to these areas. We must seize the opportunity to pay the bills we owe and invest in the future.

Specifically, we should take the \$1-billion surplus in the school-aid fund and distribute it as follows.

- Spend \$200 million to begin a State-wide reduction of class sizes to 17 students per classroom in grades kindergarten through three. Class-size reduction would be phased in, beginning with school districts and public-school academies where more than 50% of the students are considered "at risk."
  - Pay \$300 million owed by the State to local school districts for the cost of State-mandated special-education programs. These are costs that school districts have been forced to meet by cutting academic and athletic programs. They were the basis of two lawsuits – *Durant* and *Durant II* – in which courts ruled that the State had failed to meet its responsibilities to provide funding for special education.
  - Invest \$30 million to expand "school readiness" pre-kindergarten programs which help four-year-olds get a jump-start toward future success in school.
  - Provide \$25 million to allow every school district to hire a Parent Involvement Advocate to reach out and get parents more involved in their children's education.
  - Provide \$60 million to expand training for Michigan's teachers, improving their skills and reinforcing the ability to deliver quality education in the classroom.
- We also support investing a \$405-million surplus in the State's general fund for the following purposes.

- Reimburse \$150 million owed by the State to community hospitals and other health providers, some of which have been forced to reduce services or close altogether. These dollars will be matched by Federal funds, bringing the total investment to at least \$300 million.
- Invest \$150 million in improving the quality of care in Michigan's nursing homes, in part by helping operators raise wages to keep quality staff, and improve in-home and community-based services for the elderly.
- Invest \$50 million to double the State's commitment to prescription-drug assistance for senior citizens.

We are enjoying record prosperity; there is no doubt about that. But this is an opportunity we cannot afford to miss. By investing wisely in education and health care, we will keep our economy strong and make the future secure for our families.

*Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals and spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, at no charge, anytime. For more information, please contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at 734-941-1907. □*

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Yes  No

#### Proposal 3

Shall Section 13.3 of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, entitled "Specifications," be amended to increase from \$1,000 to \$4,000, the amount of any public improvement contracts which may be entered into by the City without drawings, profiles and estimates being submitted to City Council and approved by it prior to commencement, provided that after the year 2000, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor or a similar index.

Yes  No

#### Proposal 4

Shall Section 13.4(a) of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, be amended to increase from \$1,000 to \$4,000, the amount of any contracts for any public improvements or for the purchase of any material, tools, apparatus, or any thing or things which may be entered into by the City without first obtaining approval by a majority of Coun-

cil, provided that after the year 2000, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor or a similar index.

Yes  No

#### Proposal 5

Shall Section 13.4(a) of the Romulus City Charter entitled "Approval of Contracts: Review: Appropriation," be amended to eliminate the requirement that all bids be accompanied by a bid bond of five (5) percent of the bid, and replaced with a provision that requires all contracts for public improvements, be accompanied by a performance and material bond in the amount of the contract.

Yes  No

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Voters who have questions about the February 22 election should call the City Clerk's office at 734-942-7540. □

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Downtown Romulus**734-229-1100****Historical Notes****20th Anniversary for Historical Society**

By Ken Krueger, Corresponding Secretary, Romulus Historical Society

The Romulus Historical Society was busy this past year with its many projects and events.

The Historical Society, which was founded in August of 1979, recently marked its twentieth anniversary. From its 20 charter members, the group has grown to a membership of more than 50 people.

This past August, an anniversary celebration was held in the Romulus Historic Park to commemorate this historic event. Many members and other townspeople turned out to help the Society celebrate. Attendees were entertained by the music of the Down Home Duo, and enjoyed the three historically decorated cakes and punch. Albums of old photographs and videos of past historical events were shown.

As part of our anniversary celebration, the Society has put together a cookbook filled with old-fashioned recipes and family histories. The cookbooks are now on sale for a cost of \$5. Cookbooks may be purchased from the Society or at the Romulus Historical Museum (located on Hunt Street near the Post Office in downtown Romulus), which is open from 1 to 4 p.m. each Sunday.

The Museum was also open during the City's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, which was held in Historic Park last December 3. Although the weather was balmy, the Museum was festively decorated for the winter holiday. A replica of a turn-of-the-century (1900) Christmas tree was displayed in the center of the Museum.

At our January meeting, the Society elected officers for the new millennium. They are: Judy Widman, President; Helen Hay, Vice-president; Gloria Chandler, Treasurer; Genevieve Dugan, Recording Secretary; and Ken Krueger, Corresponding Secretary.

The Romulus Historical Society would like to express its special thanks to Kathy Billings, CPA, and partner in the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel of Wayne, for her expertise and help in filing the Society's annual reports to the government. Her generosity is greatly appreciated.

At the Society's February meeting, Diane Walker will give a special presentation about the history of Willow Run. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, at the Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, at Goddard, next to City Hall). Potential members are welcome. □

**RHS Alumni Association Reactivates;  
Seeks Old and New Members**

The Romulus High School Alumni Association—originally established late in 1992 and increasingly active until the resignation of its first coordinator, Marge Bergman, last year—has been reactivated, according to Alumni Liaison Dick Kruse. Spearheading the reactivation are Chapter Co-chairs Alfaye (Dunbar) Woods (Class of 1969) and Donald Morris (Class of 1964), whose initial efforts will be focused on renewing memberships, seeking volunteers, and discussing future activities of the group. Former members will soon be receiving renewal forms in the mail; all other alumni are encouraged to participate, as well.

"The Alumni Association is a worthy organization," said Morris, who noted that a large portion of the group's membership dues (\$10 per person/\$15 per couple per year) is earmarked for scholarships for today's graduates who go on to continue their education.

"Last year, the Association was able to award over \$3,000 in scholarships," he added.

Both Morris, who is also a City Councilman, and Woods, who is the wife of Romulus Board of Education Vice-president Michael Woods, are enthusiastic about the prospects of the Association. They concur that the group provides an important service by allowing graduates to keep in touch, formally recognize the accomplishments of their peers, and keep up with developments in their home town. Possible discussion topics include a Web site, e-mail addresses, newsletters, the Hall of Fame, Career Day, Homecoming, and reprinting the Alumni directory.

The Alumni Association's mailing address will be 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Anyone who is interested in becoming a new member and/or volunteering for Alumni activities should contact Kruse at 734-941-1600, ext. 231. □

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# District Honors Employees



Among those present to represent the school district at the annual Service Recognition Breakfast were Samuel La Monica, Director of Human Resources, and Betty Lenossi, Board of Education President.



(From left) High School teachers Jennifer Heskett and Paul Niedermeyer and Middle School band director Mark Fernandez were in attendance to show their support.



Also present to represent the district were (from left) Board of Education Trustees Billy McCraight and Alan Lambert, as well as Samuel La Monica, Director of Human Resources.



Other supporters in attendance included (from left) Doug Hoffman (High School assistant principal), Joyce Evans (High School counselor), and Debbie Juriga (Wick principal).

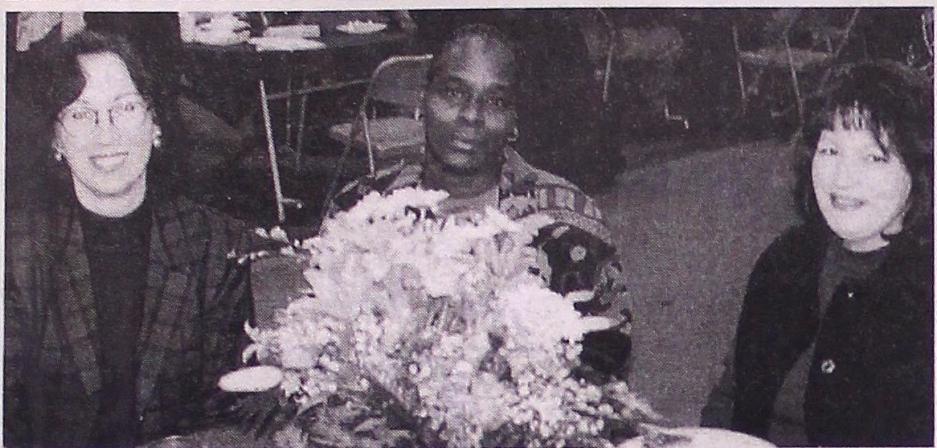


Halecreek teachers on hand to recognize the honorees included (from left): back – Gretchen Notaro and Connie Agno; front – Cheryl Brackney, Kristen Fuss, and Sandra Slater.



Halecreek honorees Gail Thompkins (back, left), Intervention Room specialist, and Sandra Godbout (front, right), teacher, were accompanied by fellow staff members (front, from left) Connie Agno (teacher), Nan Meyer (secretary), and (back, right) Lynne Mossian (principal).

# District Honors Employees



Cory paraprofessional Irene Sandusky (center) was there to share the evening with honoree colleagues Phyllis Kreft (left), paraprofessional, and Lynn Webb, secretary.



Honoree Shirley Lamberson (center), Transportation Director, enjoyed visiting with Wick teacher Kathryn Gable and Board of Education Trustee Billy McCraight.



Honorees (from left) Matt McGrane (district maintenance), Faith Sheptoski Forbush (Adult Education teacher), and June Nathaniel (Middle School custodian) were among those present.



(From left) Honoree Judy Frederick (district delivery/cafeteria) visited with Joan Christensen (High School cafeteria staffer) and Nancy Baziuk (elementary teacher).



Other honorees included (from left): back – Tom Williams (Middle School teacher) and Darrell Kenyon (High School teacher); middle – Linda Poirier (High School teacher), Phyllis Kreft (Cory paraprofessional), Sandra Godbout (Halecreek teacher), and Don Kobane (High School teacher); front – Cathy Uhring (High School teacher) and Rosa Russenberger (High School teacher).



Also among the honorees were (from left) Carol Harriff (district AV tech), Rose Nettle (Adult/Community Education secretary), and Barb Fortune (Middle School media tech).

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During Black History Month, we're saluting the noteworthy accomplishments of African-Americans throughout our nation's history, from brilliant breakthrough inventions and staunch leadership, to remarkable achievements in the arts and commercial successes that have contributed so much to the fabric of our American culture.

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**Museum Is Perfect Place To  
Celebrate Black History Month**

A visit to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History to see its latest exhibit – *Clear Story: The Stained Glass Art of Mr. Samuel Hodge* – is a wonderful way to celebrate Black History Month in February. The new exhibition, which opened January 29 and will continue through April 23, showcases nearly 40 representations of African American history and culture captured in exhilaratingly colorful stained-glass folk art.

The term "clear story" refers to the section of a Gothic building above the buttresses which allows an unobstructed view of the stained-glass windows. As in the medieval church structures, where biblical stories are iridescently depicted in the stained-glass windows, Hodge's stained-glass creations narrate various scenes from African American culture and history.

A salient feature of Hodge's art is his three-dimensional approach in constructing his stained-glass windows, which can sometimes be displayed free-standing or hanging on a wall instead of in front of a light source. He also uses materials other than glass in his designs, integrating photographs, fabric, and beads.

Many of Hodge's works are a tribute to the accomplishments of African Americans in the fields of music, dance, sports, and civil rights. This exhibition is divided into four major categories: Musicians; Dance and Dancer, Message and Messenger; Sports All-stars; and Advocates for Freedom.

Hodge discovered his interest in art in 1958, when he was an electronics electrician in the Air Force and stationed in Okinawa. He wanted a case for his slide rule and decided to learn

how to make one by taking a leather class. He found that he enjoyed and had a talent for the design process so he began making burlap and yarn tufted rugs. Hodge started working with stained glass in 1988 after one of his students overheard him admiring a "sun-catcher" and musing that he wished he could make one. The student later surprised him with a gift of tools and lessons. From there, Hodge developed his own techniques in working with stained glass.

Born in Cornwall, New York, Hodge served in the Air Force, then became a social worker, teacher, and school director. While teaching emotionally disturbed children, he used leather and rug crafting as a motivational learning tool. Later, he became an associate professor of sociology and psychology at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he retired after 25 years. Although officially "retired," Hodge has, in reality, just switched careers. Besides designing an ever-growing collection of works, he also exhibits around the Country and conducts classes in the art of stained glass. He and his wife, Dottie, also an artist, live in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History is located at 315 East Warren Avenue in Detroit's Cultural Center. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages five through seventeen; children under five are admitted free. The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guided tours or workshops for school groups may be scheduled for school, church, or civic groups by calling the Museum's Tour Reservations Desk (313-494-5847). For more information, call 313-494-5800, ext. 0. □

**Halecreek Hosts Family Game Night**

Amanda Braden and her cousin, William Braden, enjoyed a game of dinosaur checkers as their grandmother, Frances Braden, looked on during Halecreek's Family Game and Dessert Night, held January 25. The event was organized by the Halecreek Parent Networking Team under the leadership of school social worker Carole Dury.

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## Treat Your Sweetheart to a Healthy Valentine's Day Feast

By Florine Mark

Every 14th day of February, Cupid plays his role in the hearts of all of us as restaurants gear up for a long night, Hallmark stores become a montage of red and pink, and flower shops can't fill their orders fast enough.

It's almost Valentine's Day, and with the passing of the holiday season not so long ago and only a month-and-a-half of the New Year under our belts, there is once again a good reason to celebrate.

Since everyone else around town is planning a night out, why not avoid the crowds and make your Valentine's Day celebration a night in, whether it be with one special someone or a few good friends. I've come up with an enticing dinner menu that's not only guaranteed to be delicious, but is also low in fat, too! I've included a cheesy vegetable soup to warm you up, a pasta salad to satisfy all, lemon-broiled chicken with pilaf for the main course, and yummy dessert to finish everything off!

### Cheesy Vegetable Soup

(makes 8 servings)

4 ounces wild rice  
4 cups sliced, fresh, mixed vegetables  
(mushrooms, carrots, celery, etc.)  
2 cups frozen, chopped broccoli  
(one 10-ounce package), thawed  
and drained  
2 cups frozen cauliflower florets  
(one 10-ounce package), thawed  
and drained  
4 packets low-sodium, instant chicken  
broth mix  
4 cups skim milk  
1½ ounces potato flakes  
5½ ounces reduced-calorie American  
cheese, cut into strips  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon pepper  
Imitation bacon bits (optional)

In medium saucepan, combine rice with two cups water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover tightly, and cook until tender and water is absorbed, about 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, bring 2 cups water to a boil. Add vegetables; cover and cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until just tender, about 5 minutes.

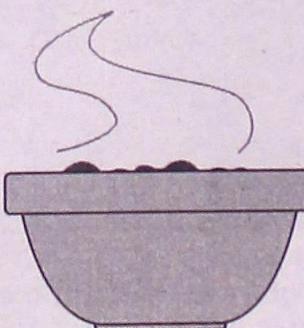
Add cooked rice, broth mix, and milk; cook until heated through but not boiling. Stir in potato flakes, cheese, salt, and pepper.

To serve, ladle evenly into 8 soup bowls; sprinkle with bacon bits if desired.

4 Points.

Per serving: 199 Calories, 14 g. Protein, 3 g. Fat, 30 g. Carbohydrate, 335 mg. Calcium, 533 mg. Sodium, 13 mg. Cholesterol, 3 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: *Weight Watchers: Favorite Home Style Recipes*



### Pasta Salad Provencal

(makes 2 servings)

2½ teaspoons olive oil  
1½ teaspoons red wine vinegar  
Dash pepper  
1 cup cooked shell macaroni, chilled  
½ cup sugar snap peas, blanched  
2 ounces drained canned tuna  
(packed in water)  
2 small plum tomatoes, cut lengthwise  
into wedges  
2 tablespoons thinly sliced red onion  
3 large black olives, pitted and sliced  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil  
1 tablespoon rinsed drained capers

Using a wire whisk, in a medium mixing bowl, beat together 1 tablespoon water, the oil, vinegar, and pepper. Add remaining ingredients and toss to coat. Cover; refrigerate until ready to serve.

3 Points.

Per serving: 162 Calories, 11 g. Protein, 7 g. Fat, 14 g. Carbohydrate, 44 mg. Calcium, 273 mg. Sodium, 12 mg. Cholesterol, 2 g. Dietary Fiber. (This figure does not include capers, for which a nutrition analysis is not available.)

Source: *Simply Light Cooking: From The Kitchens of Weight Watchers*

### Lemon-broiled Chicken

(makes 4 servings)

¼ cup fresh lemon juice  
½ teaspoon dried thyme leaves  
½ teaspoon dried rosemary leaves  
½ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

Four 6-ounce chicken breasts

Preheat broiler. Spray rack in broiler pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In small bowl, combine lemon juice, thyme, rosemary, and pepper.

Carefully loosen skin of chicken. Rub half of the lemon mixture on chicken under skin; reserve remaining mixture. Place chicken skin-side-up on prepared broiler rack; broil 4" from heat, turning once, 10 minutes, until browned and cooked through.

To serve, remove and discard skin from the chicken breasts; place one breast on each of 4 plates. Drizzle each with an equal amount of reserved lemon mixture.

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## Thrifty Fund-raiser Benefits Romulus DARE Program



Thrifty Car Rental representatives (from left) Jeffrey Warmols, Douglas Manning, David Eastman, Debbie Barrett, and Kurt Hayden received DARE shirts and bumper stickers in recognition of their continued support of the anti-drug program.

During a special luncheon held at Romulus Middle School on January 18, representatives of the Thrifty Car Rental company presented \$250 donations to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) programs of eight area law-enforcement agencies, including the Romulus Police Department.

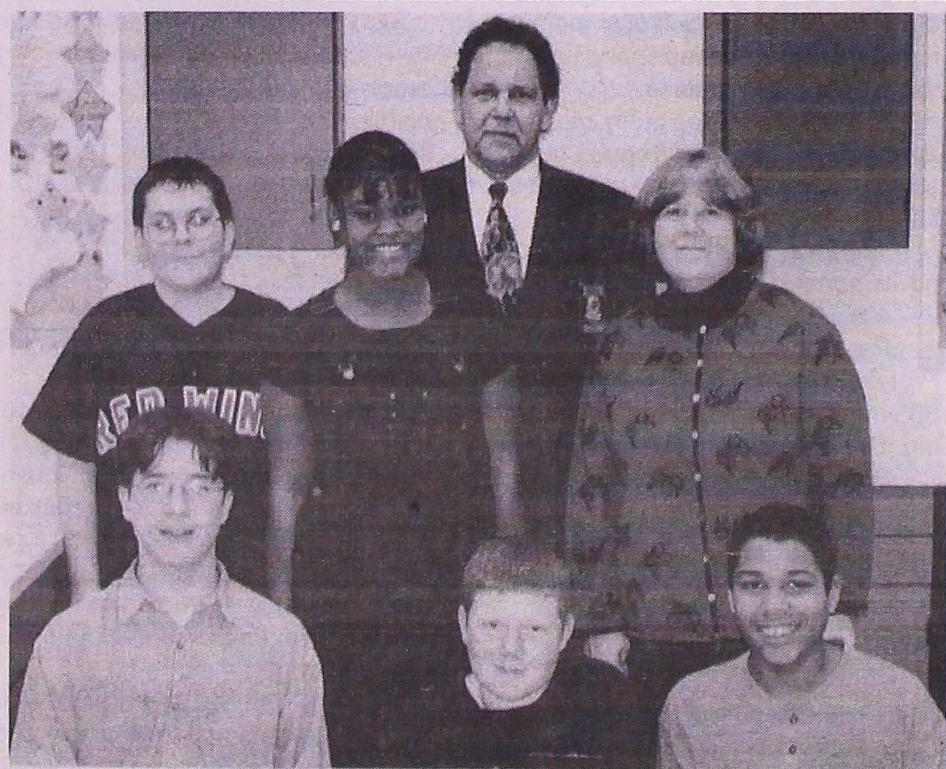
According to Thrifty spokespersons, the company raised a total of \$2,000 last November by donating fifty cents for each car rented at eight of its area dealerships (Dearborn, Grosse Pointe Woods, Novi, Plymouth, Romulus, Southfield, Sterling Heights, and Waterford). The money was then divided among the various police departments of those communities.

Making culinary arrangements for the DARE luncheon were several Romulus Middle School students under the

supervision of leadership teacher Betty Santo.

Romulus officials who attended the luncheon were Mayor William Oakley, Police Chief Charles Kirby, Lieutenant James Rafalski, Sergeant Cora Semrau, and Officers Teresa Smagner and Rose Cooper.

Other attendees included Corporal Robert Bochenek and Sergeant Jeff Dombrowski of the Dearborn Police; Director Michael Makowski and Public Safety Officer Daniel Koerber of the Grosse Pointe Woods Police; Detective Tom Lindberg and Lieutenant Dave Butler of the Novi Police; Detective John Drake of the Plymouth Township Police; Lieutenant Gino Hliebay of the Sterling Heights Police; and Lieutenant Richard Crigger and Officer Robert Jackson of the Waterford Township Police.



Romulus Police Chief Charles Kirby took a moment to thank Romulus Middle School teacher Betty Santo (back, right) and students (from left, back row) Eric Wood, Crystal Maycock, (from left, front row) Anthony Watt, Tim Docherty, and Vincent Mingo for making the culinary arrangements for the DARE luncheon.



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The Bureau will be administering a skills test at the Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church (located at 29745 Annapolis Road in Westland) on Wednesday, February 16:

- fill out application: 2 to 2:30 p.m.;
- practice test: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.;
- actual test: 3:30 to 4 p.m.

Interested parties can learn more at a presentation to be given at the Church (Sunday, February 13, at 1 p.m.) by Bob Triska, U.S. Census Bureau Recruiting Assistant.

Call 734-722-2567 for details. □

**Students Study Plant Growth**

(From left) Brittany Turner, Quindai Christopher, and Derrick Baker planted seeds as part of their "plant growth and development" unit.

Barth Elementary third-graders in the classrooms of Darlene Abela and Carol Gursky have been studying plant growth and development as part of their science lessons.

Students planted seeds, thinned

and transplanted the resulting growth, measured their plants, pollinated their flowers, and observed their pods drying and making seeds.

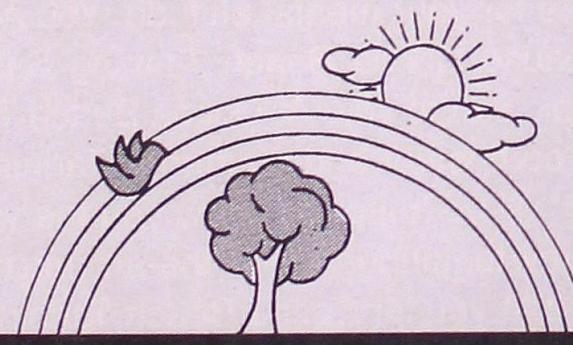
The hands-on experience was enjoyed by all.



Charley Bishop, Holly Schonscheck, Spencer Winter, and Patricia Dancy also took part in the "plant growth" unit.

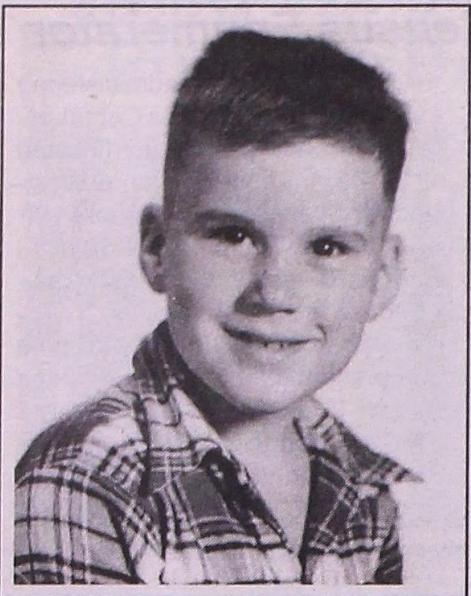
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## CAN YOU GUESS WHO?

You might not have known our "mystery man" when this picture was taken, but his adult face is familiar to many people in the City of Romulus.

To learn his identity, anagram (rearrange) each "key word" below – WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE LETTER – to answer the corresponding clue, and fill in the blanks accordingly.

If the puzzle is done correctly, the added letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out the name of this prominent area citizen.

### ADD THE LETTER . . . TO THE LETTERS IN . . . TO GET

- \_\_\_\_\_. LACED . . . it falls when the bough breaks \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. VINE . . . unworldly; ingenuous \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. STORES . . . pearl producers \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. SEPIAS . . . stalemate or deadlock \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. CARD . . . another name for the dragon constellation \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. CLUE . . . Sam or Tom, perhaps \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. CHOIR . . . Wild \_\_\_\_\_ (controversial Mickey Rourke film) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. ROSE . . . not intoxicated \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. AGE . . . Greek goddess of the earth \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. COAT . . . broad neck scarf \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. CARPET . . . book division \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. GREW . . . gambler's stake \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_. TRIAGE . . . musical style associated with Scott Joplin \_\_\_\_\_

*For solution, see page 15*

### YOU'LL FIND IT IN "REPRESENT"

How many five-letter words can you form using only the letters found in REPRESENT? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, plurals and present-tense verbs formed by the addition of the letter "s" at the end, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, alternate spellings, and foreign words are not permitted.

*Our list of 15 words can be found on page 15*

## Valentine's Day Treats

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3 Points.

Per serving: 147 Calories, 3 g. Total Fat, 1 g. Saturated Fat, 72 g. Cholesterol, 63 mg. Sodium, 2 g. Total Carbohydrate, 0 g. Dietary Fiber, 26 g. Protein, 20 mg. Calcium.

Source: Weight Watchers: Quick Meals

### Confetti Pilaf

(makes 4 servings)

- 1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon margarine
- 1/2 cup chopped red, green, or yellow bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup drained canned sliced mushrooms
- 4 ounces long-grain white rice
- 1 teaspoon low-sodium instant chicken broth mix
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In small, nonstick skillet, heat margarine. Add bell pepper, onion, and mushroom; sauté until vegetables soften, about 2 minutes.

In 1 1/2-quart casserole, combine remaining ingredients and 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons water; stir in vegetables. Cover and bake 35-40 minutes, until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with fork; serve.

3 Points.

Per serving: 156 Calories, 3 g. Protein, 4 g. Fat, 27 g. Carbohydrate, 16 mg. Calcium, 379 mg. Sodium, 0 mg. Cholesterol, 1 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: Weight Watchers: Favorite Home Style Recipes

### Banana Pudding Splits

(makes 4 servings)

- 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
- 1 envelope (four 1/2-cup servings) reduced-calorie instant chocolate pudding mix
- 2 medium bananas (6 ounces each)
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 ounce pistachios, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup thawed frozen dairy whipped topping
- 4 fresh bing cherries

In blender, process yogurt on high speed for 30 seconds; add pudding mix and process for 1 minute, scraping down sides of container as necessary.

Cut each banana into 6 diagonal slices and sprinkle with lemon juice.

Arrange 2 banana quarters into each of 4 goblets or dessert dishes; top with 1/4 of the pudding mixture. Sprinkle each portion with 1/4 of the pistachios; then top each with 1 tablespoon whipped topping and 1 cherry.

4 Points.

Per serving: 161 Calories, 4 g. Protein, 5 g. Fat, 28 g. Carbohydrate, 115 mg. Calcium, 296 mg. Sodium, 3 mg. Cholesterol, 1 g. Dietary Fiber. □

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## Community Calendar

- Little League Sign-up** – Register for Romulus Little League at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) on Friday, February 11, from 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, February 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee is \$35 per person/\$50 per family; those who do not wish to sell candy may choose to pay an additional fee, instead. To sign up, parents or guardians must bring the child's birth certificate, proof of residence, and the full registration fee. For more information, call 734-955-6204.
- Improve Your Boating Skills** – Adults and children ages 12 and older are invited to take part in a 10-week boating-safety class which begins February 14 and continues each Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Copland Center (2306 Fourth Street, at Mulberry, in Wyandotte). Although the class, sponsored by the Wyandotte Power Squadron, is free, there is a \$30 fee to cover the cost of the class manual. Ownership of a boat is not a requirement. For more information, contact the Wyandotte Power Squadron at 313-291-9861.
- Cable Commission Meeting** – The next meeting of the Romulus Cable Commission will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard Road). The meeting will be televised on cable channel 12.
- Free Tax Help at the Library** – Pamela Roberson of the Internal Revenue Service will be at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, at Goddard, next to City Hall) from 12 to 4 p.m. on February 19, March 4, March 18, April 1, and April 8, to assist citizens with their tax forms on a first-come/first-served basis. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- Storytime at the Library** – "Animals All Around" is the theme of the Library's Winter/Spring Storytime Program for children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening, but are not yet in kindergarten. Parents can choose between Tuesday evening (7 p.m.) or Thursday morning (10:30 a.m.) sessions, which will begin February 22 and February 24, respectively, and end March 28 and March 30. Each will feature an entertaining medley of stories, finger-plays, games, and crafts. Although this is a free program, preregistration is required, as space is limited. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- Youtheatre Offers *Ishangi's Africa*** – Youtheatre's Movin' Up Club (children ages seven and up; no one under five will be admitted to the theater) presentation of *Ishangi's Africa* has been set for Saturday, February 26 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, February 27 (2 p.m.), at Music Hall (located at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$9 at the door. Call 313-963-2366.
- Youtheatre Offers *Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping*** – Youtheatre's Wiggle Club (children ages three to six; no one under three will be admitted to the theater) presentation of *Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping* has been set for Saturday, March 4 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, March 5 (2 p.m.), at Music Hall (located at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$9 at the door. For more information, call 313-963-2366.
- Baseball Clinic** – Romulus High School's baseball coaching staff will conduct a one-day baseball clinic in the High School gym on Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to noon (grades three to five) and from 1 to 3 p.m. (grades six to eight). The clinic will focus on fundamentals: hitting, pitching, catching, and infield and outfield play. Cost is \$10 per child. Sign up at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins in downtown Romulus) or call Keith Brothers (734-942-6852) for more information.
- Crafters Wanted** – Romulus High School's Class of 2002 invites the public to attend its Spring Craft Show, set for Sunday, April 9, at the High School. Table space is still available to crafters who would like to participate in this increasingly popular show. For more information, please contact Rosalie Berlin at the High School (734-941-2170, ext. 162).
- RHS Class of 1970 To Hold 30-year Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1970 is planning to hold its 30-year reunion on Saturday, August 26. For information, contact Gail (Howie) Curaba (734-697-1763), Roy and Cathy (Miank) Szyndlar (734-699-3139), or Jim Wagner (699-9050).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

## Disaster Strikes at Barth!



Mary Ann Watts and her fellow students just finished a "disasters" reading unit in their third-grade class at Barth Elementary School.

Third-grade students at Barth Elementary School have just completed a reading unit called "Disasters," according to teachers Darlene Abela and Carol Gursky.

In connection with one of the stories – "Pompeii . . . Buried Alive!" – students created mock volcanos at home, then brought them to school to give demonstrations on the eruption of a volcano.

"When I poured vinegar into the mixture in my volcano's crater, lava

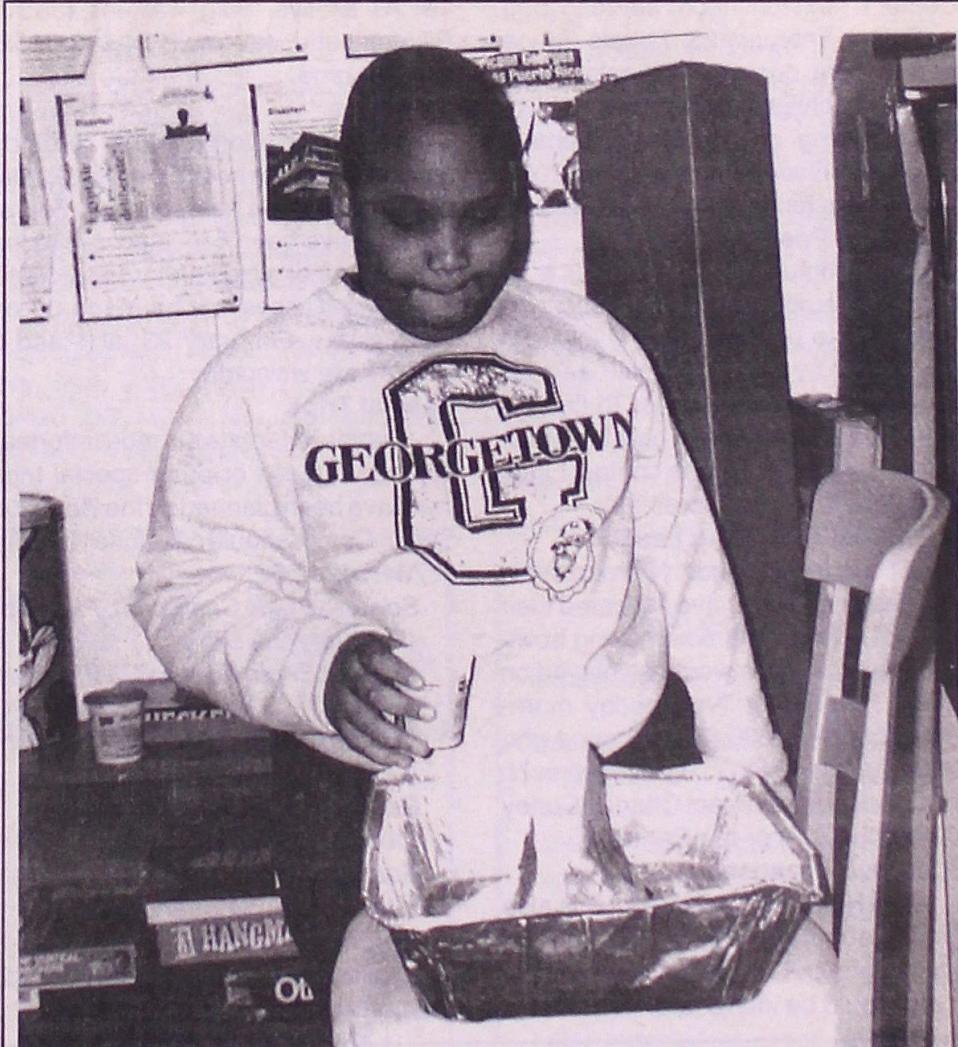
came pouring out," said Samantha Kreutzer, one of Gursky's students.

Afterward, the volcanos were put on display in the media center at the school.

Students also used their technology skills to illustrate a volcano's eruption on their computers.

"The project was a real hit with both the students and their parents," said Gursky.

"Many parents came to school to see the volcanos erupt," Abela added.



Third-grader Brandy Martin performs a demonstration on the eruption of a volcano.

## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

### Free Tax Preparation

Now through April 12, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as those for homestead property-tax, home-heating, and prescription forms.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

Note: Pamela Kersey, Romulus City Treasurer, also offers free tax-preparation services for seniors on Wednesdays and Fridays. To make an appointment, call her office (734-942-7580).

### February Luncheon

A delicious feast of Polish sausage and sauerkraut is on the menu for the Center's next luncheon, set for 1 p.m. on Friday, February 25. Tickets (\$5 per person) are currently on sale at the Center. Highlighting the event will be the crowning of the Senior Center's King and Queen for the year 2000. Nomination forms are now available.

### Volunteer Positions Open

The Romulus Senior Center is always looking for friendly volunteers who would like to become more involved in the Center by helping to plan and execute its various programs. To find out more about how you can give the priceless gift of caring, please contact Linda Norman, Program Coordinator.

### No-smoking Bowling League

According to Linda Norman, several senior citizens have indicated their interest in forming a no-smoking bowling league. Games would be played on either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings (about 9 or 9:30 a.m.). Anyone who would be interested in bowling on such a league should contact Charles Curley (734-941-1787) or the Center.

### Pool Club Proposed

The Romulus Senior Center is also thinking about organizing a regular pool-playing group. Let Linda Norman know if you would be interested.

### Stroke Screening

Life Line will be at the Senior Center beginning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, to conduct a stroke screening program. A total of three vascular tests – a carotid vascular test, abdominal aortic aneurysm test, and ankle brachial index test – will be offered, as well as an osteoporosis screening.

The vascular tests are \$35 each or all three for \$95; those who sign up for the three vascular screenings will also receive \$10 off the regular \$35 cost of the osteoporosis test.

For more information, please call 800-407-4557.

### Exercise/Toning

The Senior Center invites you to drop in at any of its free toning/stretching/aerobic exercise classes, which are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Please note: The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16. As always, both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) are welcome.

### Ceramics

Instructor Doll Wands reminds everyone that the ceramics classes that would have been held Monday, February 21, have been canceled due to the Senior Center's closing for Presidents' Day. The classes will be made up on Wednesday, February 23, at 1 and 6 p.m. All are welcome.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- ***Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant*** (February 22; \$21);
- ***Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant*** (March 28; \$9);
- ***Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant*** (April 25; \$21);
- ***Bay Mills/Kewadin Casinos*** (July 20–21; \$129);
- ***Soaring Eagle Casino/Show*** (October 16; \$49); and
- ***Golden Southwest Tour*** (November 11–25; \$879; \$100 holds your seat). □

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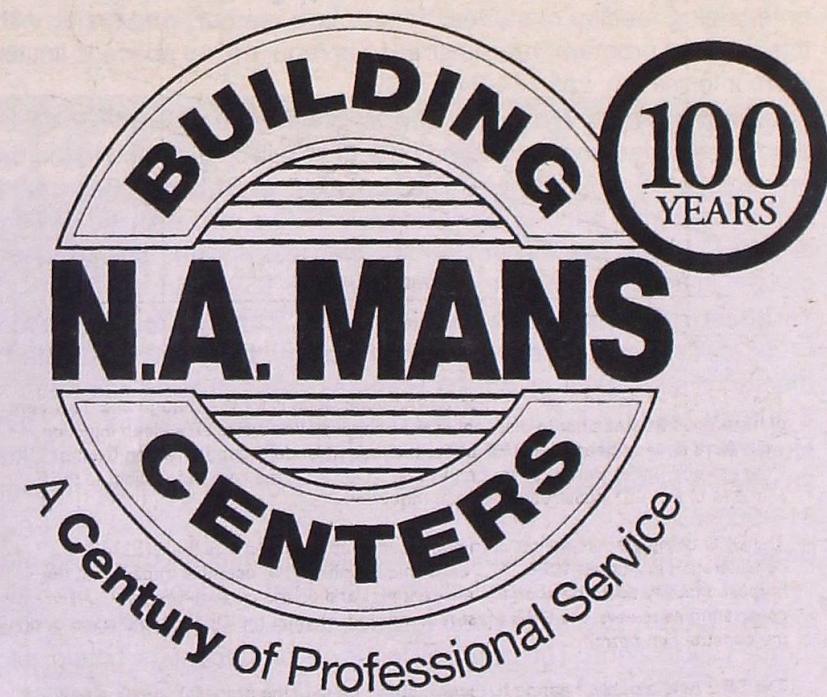
Jeremiah and Sarah

Michael and Bonnie Kensinger of Brighton, Michigan, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Anne Kensinger, to Jeremiah R. Carrico, son of Terrence Carrico and the late Judith Carrico of Belleville, Michigan.

A 1992 graduate of Brighton High School, Sarah received her B.S. in physiology from Michigan State University in 1996, and is currently attending the University of Kentucky's College of Dentistry. Jeremiah, who graduated from Belleville High School in 1992, is pursuing a degree in finance at the University of Kentucky.

The wedding is set for July 2000.

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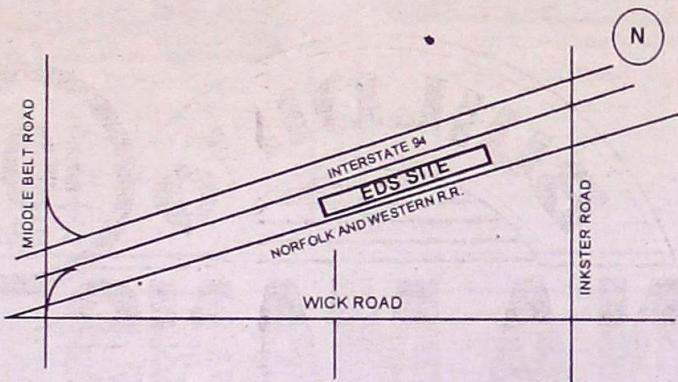
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#### NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE REVIEW BOARD

Michigan's Hazardous Waste Site Review Board (SRB) hereby gives notice that an informal hearing will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2000, to evaluate the proposed Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) hazardous waste management facility.

EDS submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility at 28470 Citrin Drive in Romulus, Michigan. The application was submitted to satisfy the requirements under Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451).

The proposed facility would accept liquid hazardous waste from off-site generators for disposal in deep injection wells. Prior to disposal in the deep injection wells, the wastes would be stored in tanks and containers and treated in tanks. The site for the proposed facility is approximately 15 acres in size and is shown on the map below:



The Part 111 of Act 451 construction permit application is for the storage and treatment of hazardous wastes prior to disposal in the deep injection wells. The deep injection wells have already been permitted under the federal Underground Injection Control Program and under Part 625, Mineral Wells, of Act 451; they are not subject to the Part 111 of Act 451 construction permit requirements.

The DEQ completed its review of the application and referred it to the SRB for consideration in August 1999. The SRB must evaluate the potential impact that the proposed facility could have on the environment and on the local community. After completing its review, the SRB must recommend whether the DEQ should issue or deny the construction permit.

The SRB held a public hearing to receive comments on the proposal, and it is now evaluating those comments and the proposal at a series of informal

hearings. The SRB will discuss the proposal during the informal hearings, and will call upon local officials, EDS, the DEQ, and others for additional testimony on disputed issues. In addition, the SRB may devote a limited portion of each informal hearing to public comments.

The informal hearing will be held at the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this hearing should contact Mr. Steve Sliver at the address below, or at 517-373-1976, at least a week in advance of the hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

The application may be reviewed at the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan; at the DEQ's Southeast Michigan District Office located at 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan (contact Ms. Bonnie Pawloske at 734-953-1408); and at the DEQ's Waste Management Division Office located on the First Floor of the John A. Hannah Building, 608 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Steve Sliver at 517-373-1976).

Requests, comments, and questions regarding the application and review process should be addressed to Mr. Steve Sliver, Waste Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

## Obituaries

### Howard Dubisky

brother; and one sister.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 5, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Alexander Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI) was the site of interment. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the St. Aloysius Building Fund.

### Clair C. Holland

Clair C. Holland of Huron Township, Michigan, died on Wednesday, January 26, 2000, at the age of 75.

Born July 25, 1924, in Huron Township, Clair married Betty B. Liddle on June 8, 1946. His community involvements included membership in American Legion Post #67 (Lincoln Park, MI), as well as the Rotary clubs of Lincoln Park and New Boston.

Surviving Clair are his wife, Betty B. Holland; two sons, Tom E. (Janet) Holland (New Boston, MI) and Richard A. (Marylyn) Holland (Spokane, WA); three daughters, Miss Kathy E. Holland (New

Boston, MI), Ms. Karen Holland (Dearborn, MI), and Mrs. Raymond (Lisa) Ziegler (Southgate, MI); four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by four brothers.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 29, at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend William Kren officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Community United Methodist Church.

### Frances S. Toner

(Marie) Buchanan (Dearborn, MI); and seven grandchildren, Carly, Michael, Ashley, Ryan, Ravin, Billy, and Jarmo. Her husband, William R. Toner, predeceased her.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 8, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery (Livonia, MI) was the site of interment.

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Cancer Society. □



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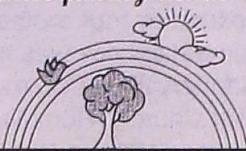

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